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## Librarian Speaks, Top Staff Members Honored At ALA Conference in New Orleans

*The Librarian chats with Caleb Bradley of Miltonvale, Kans., at the Library's ALA Conference booth after giving him a "Year of the Young Reader" T-shirt.*

"It was exciting to have a chance to talk with the officers of ALA and the national library community—to hear their ideas of what we ought to be doing and their reactions to our current services," Librarian of Congress James H. Billington said about the Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA) in New Orleans, July 9–14. "I enjoyed visiting the Library's exhibit booth and hearing the spirited presentations about the Library's activities made by enthusiastic staff members," he added.

The Librarian was one of 80 Library staff members who joined 13,000 fellow librarians last month at the conference.

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The Library's booth was larger than ever before and attracted thousands of attendees.

Many Library of Congress staff members participated as speakers, panelists, or committee members.

### *Librarian of Congress James H. Billington*

On Friday, July 8, The Librarian was the guest of honor at the opening of an exhibit at the New Orleans Public Library to commemorate the 30th anniversary of its Central Library Building, "Andrew Carnegie and His Gifts that Continue to Grow." New Orleans Mayor Sydney J. Barthelemy offered greetings and New Orleans City Librarian C. Daniel Wilson, Jr., was the master of ceremonies.

The Librarian then met with editors of the *Times Picayune* newspaper. Next on his agenda was a visit to the Louisiana State Museum in the French Quarter—the Cabildo, which is undergoing restoration—and a visit with its new director, James Sefcik.

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The Librarian was the keynote speaker at the forum at the ALA Conference concerning the Library's Management and Planning (MAP) process. The forum, "The Library of Congress Looks to the 21st Century: A Dialogue with The Librarian of Congress," was chaired by Margaret Chisholm, president of ALA, and attracted a standing-room-only crowd. Ellen Hahn of the MAP Committee joined Dr. Billington on the podium.

"The MAP Forum was animated, crowded, and informative," said Dr. Billington. "I was delighted Congresswoman Lindy Boggs [D-La.] was at the meeting and that we had several opportunities for discussing the Library and meeting people from her constituency."

The Librarian joined officers of the Urban Libraries Council for dinner.

On the following day, July 9, The Librarian held a coffee reception in his hotel suite for the ALA Legislation Committee.

Then The Librarian was at the Library's exhibit booth for an hour, welcoming visitors and answering questions about the Library. The Librarian held a lunch discussion with members of the National Advisory Committee, a high-level, nationwide advisory body affiliated with the MAP process.

The Librarian then visited Tulane University and was shown several of its collections, guided by Philip Leinbach, university librarian. These included the William Ransom Hogan Jazz Archives, the Southwestern Architectural Archive, and the Latin American Collection.

That evening a dinner was held for the division presidents of ALA. The Librarian exchanged ideas with them about the future of library service. This was followed by two receptions, one hosted by Margaret Chisholm and another by William Summers, incoming ALA president.

One highlight of The Librarian's final day at the conference, Sunday, July 10, was a meeting on the "Year of the Young Reader" project for 1989. Dr. Billington emphasized that "the enterprise of reading is of central importance to the health of the Republic. In this country we have an urgent need to bring more young people into creative contact with books, reading, and libraries."

Dr. Billington was at the Library's booth again—giving away T-shirts with the "1989 Year of the Young Reader" logo—and then held a coffee reception for Library staffers attending the conference.

### *William J. Welsh Is Keynote Speaker*

Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh delivered two keynote speeches at the conference. The first was at the Junior Member Roundtable on the afternoon of July 9 in a session chaired by Robert Newlen of the Library's Congressional Research Service. The second was at the annual President's Program Dinner of the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) on the evening of July 11. Mr. Welsh spoke on the subject, "Access and the Style of Leadership."

### *Henriette D. Avram Wins Lippincott Award*

Henriette D. Avram, assistant librarian for processing services, was honored with the Lippincott Award for her significant lifetime contributions to librarianship. Among her achievements have been her pioneering work leading to the development and international acceptance of the MARC format as the standard for machine-readable bibliographic data.

### *Ben R. Tucker Honored with Mann Citation*

Ben R. Tucker, chief of the Office of Descriptive Cataloging Policy, received the 1988 Margaret Mann

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## Scenes from the ALA Conference

*(Left) The Librarian with Hardy Franklin, director, District of Columbia Public Library.*

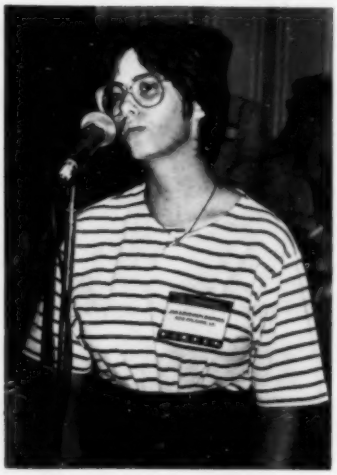
*(Above) The Librarian speaks with Congresswoman Lindy Boggs (D-La.). In background is William A. Moffett, director, Oberlin College Library.*

*(Left) Officers of the Urban Libraries Council examine "1989—Year of the Young Reader" flyer with Dr. Billington.*

*(Below) Packed audience at the MAP Forum.*

*(Left) The W.R. Hogan Jazz Archives at Tulane University are explained to Dr. Billington (right) by its acting curator, Bruce B. Raeburn (center). On the left is Philip Leinbach, university librarian.*

*(Left) Dr. Billington and Ellen Hahn at the podium during the MAP Forum.*



*(Above and left) The MAP Forum elicited lively participation from ALA members.*

*(Below) Eileen Cooke of ALA's Washington, D.C., office admires "Year of the Young Reader" T-shirt held by John Y. Cole.*

*(Left) At the staff coffee reception were Chris Filstrup (left), Michael W. Albin, Laurie Filstrup, and Wendy Riedel.*

Photos by Nancée E. Lewis

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Citation, given annually to an outstanding figure in the field of cataloging.

***Exhibit Booth***

The Library's exhibit booth was a busy place for the three and a half days the exhibit area was open. Convention visitors picked up general information and asked questions about the Library; discussed with a MAP Committee representative their ideas and suggestions for the Library of Congress of the future; asked members of the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) about its products; viewed a demonstration of *LC Subject Headings* on CD-ROM, developed by CDS; entered a raffle for a "1989 Year of the Young Reader" T-shirt; bought posters; and learned more about the activities of the Center for the Book and plans for the Year of the Young Reader.

***"At the Library of Congress we are in the midst of a year-long review to determine our role in the 21st century. As part of this review, we look forward to hearing from America's librarians as we work together to keep all of our libraries strong and flourishing."***

***—Librarian of Congress James H. Billington, at the ALA Conference, New Orleans, July 8***

## Processing Services' Participation at ALA

***Assistant Librarian for Processing Services***

The ALA Annual Convention in New Orleans was a busy one for Henriette D. Avram, the assistant librarian for processing services. Her participation in the convention culminated on July 13 with the presentation of the prestigious Lippincott Award for her significant lifetime contributions to librarianship. As the head of Processing Services at the Library of Congress, she made several reports on the activities in which the department has been engaged during the intervening months since the ALA Midwinter Meeting. She had considerable involvement in international activities in her capacity as past chair of the International Relations Round Table. In addition to several meetings of this body, she spearheaded the fundraising activities needed to support this year's successful annual reception for foreign librarians held on the evening of July 11 in the inviting setting of the docking wharf for the Delta Queen Riverboat on the Mississippi River. Mrs. Avram also represents the Library's interests on the Executive Board of the Resources and Technical Services Division, which met three times during the convention.

***Director, Acquisitions and Overseas Operations***

Robert Sullivan, the director for acquisitions and overseas operations, opened the Special Foreign Acquisitions meeting on July 10 by reporting on the status of book funds, receipts of library materials for the collections, and staffing in the Library's acquisitions divisions, as well as other developments affecting the procurement of library materials throughout the world. Then Chris Filstrup, chief, Overseas Operations Division, surveyed developments in the Library's six overseas field offices, highlighting the expansion of geographic coverage, in Southeast Asia to include the Philippines; in East Africa to include Zaire, Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland; and more comprehensive acquisitions by the Cairo office of publications from the Gulf states and Morocco.

Anton Pierce of the Library's Automation Planning and Liaison Office followed with a presentation on the progress of automation projects in the overseas offices. These included customized acquisitions software now in use in New Delhi and soon to be installed in Cairo and Karachi; the processing of the Jakarta bibliographic control files for acquisition trips and other purposes; dual script software that affords the production of both APIF forms and preliminary cataloging cards from a single keying; and the planned creation of USMARC records overseas on microcomputers for batch loading in United States databases. A lengthy discussion of the United States-India Fund concluded the evening.

***Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy***

The Resources and Technical Services Division (RSTD) of the American Library Association awards the Margaret Mann Citation each year to someone outstanding in an area of cataloging; at a ceremony held during the RTSD membership meeting in New Orleans Ben R. Tucker, chief, Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy, received the Margaret Mann Citation for 1988.

Mr. Tucker represented the Library of Congress at the meeting of the RTSD/Cataloging and Classification Section (CCS) Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access and attended the RTSD/CCS program on "AACR 2, Revised: Past, Present, and Future," which presented the background for this year's reprint of the rules, described

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the process of revision, sketched the major changes contained in the reprint, and predicted somewhat the future course of rule revision.

***Serial Record Division***

Julia Blixrud, head, National Serials Data Program Section, presented a keynote address on the use of standards to link serial records at the Serials Section Program. Dorothy Glasby, assistant chief of the division, briefed the Committee to Study Serials Cataloging on current topics of interest in bibliographic control, while Kim Dobbs, division chief, updated the Serials Section's Policy and Research Committee on serials work at the Library of Congress of general interest. Linda Bartley, CONSER operations coordinator, and Kim Dobbs attended CONSER meetings and a CONSER/USNP reception.

***Subject Cataloging Division***

Meetings of the RTSD/CCS Subject Analysis Committee and its subcommittee on Display of Subject Headings, Current Terminology in LCSH, and Individual Works of Fiction were the focus of activities for Mary K. D. Pietris, chief of the Subject Cataloging Division. She also reported on current subject cataloging developments to the Committee on Cataloging of Asian and African Materials and spoke to members of the ACRL Science and Technology Section's Committee on Subject and Bibliographic Access to Science Materials and attended a meeting of MAGERT (Map and Geography Round Table).

***Order Division***

Michael W. Albin, chief of the Order Division, delivered a paper on the current status of projects to microfilm rare and deteriorating materials in the field of Middle Eastern studies. The program was sponsored by ACRL's Asian and African Section. Mr. Albin also reported on library developments in the Middle East to the membership of the International Relations Round Table

***Cataloging in Publication Division***

At the semiannual meeting of the Cataloging in Publication (CIP) Advisory Group, former CIP division chief, Judy McDermott introduced the new chief, Peter Bridge, to the group, which discussed recent developments and matters of concern regarding the program. At what turned out to be its final meeting, the RTSD/AASL/ACRL/LITA/PLA Interdivisional Committee on CIP for Audiovisual Materials, chaired by Bruce Johnson of the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service, concluded that it had accomplished its intended purpose to promote CIP cataloging for audiovisual (read computer software) materials. The committee will recommend that it be disbanded and its charge be absorbed by the RTSD Audiovisual Committee. The Association of Amerian Publishers/RTSD Joint Committee, chaired by R.R Bowker's Peter Simon, discussed possible future program topics and heard update reports, including such topics as serial marketing, AAP systems and standards development, and the customary CIP program update.

***Network Development/MARC Standards Office***

The ALA RTSD/LITA/RASD Committee on Representation in Machine-Readable Form of Bibliographic Information (MARBI) completed discussion of a significant proposal for integrating the USMARC formats for bibliographic data. This multipart proposal validates data elements across the bibliographic formats, effectively making this a single format rather than seven formats for different forms of material—books, serials, maps, music, computer files, visual materials, and archives.

Most formats developed since USMARC take an integrated approach to bibliographic data. The core fields in the USMARC formats have always been generally aligned, and this proposal completes the process for USMARC.

The ALA MARBI committee has met on this work for three ALA meetings, and review was completed in an extra session in New Orleans

***Descriptive Cataloging Division***

Library of Congress National Coordinated Cataloging Operations (NACO) held an open meeting on July 10 with representatives of participating libraries and others interested in the NACO project.

Among current NACO projects reported on at the meeting were (1) the Linked Systems Project, through which authority records are being transferred between the computers at the Library of Congress and RLIN and the Library of Congress and OCLC via telecommunications links; (2) the National Coordinated Cataloging Program, a two-year pilot project that involves the Library of Congress and eight major U.S. research libraries that have agreed to contribute their current cataloging to the MARC file; (3) and the NACO-Music Project sponsored by the Music OCLC Users Group with the aim of increasing the number of music authority records in the NACO file.

Presentations were made both by key staff from the Library of Congress and participating NACO libraries. The meeting was chaired by Suzanne L. Liggett, coordinator of national cooperative cataloging projects.

## Other Staff Members At the ALA Conference

Nancy Davenport, assistant director of the Congressional Research Service, spoke at the Junior Member Roundtable on the topic, "Steps to Involvement in ALA." While Mr. Welsh outlined some of the issues and problems facing library leaders today and in the future, Mrs. Davenport emphasized the importance of stepping forward and volunteering time and energy on ALA committees.

Two Library staffers spoke at the meetings of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) on July 10—Robert W. Schaaf, senior specialist, U.N. and International Documents, Serial Government Publications Division, was one of several speakers at a meeting of the Law and Political Science Section, on the topic, "Information Policies of International Organizations: Roadblocks to Access?"; and Harold Leich, European Division, discussed accessing bibliographic and full-text databases, in a meeting of the Slavic and East European Section on new technology for Slavic and East European librarianship.

On July 11, Bruce C. Miller of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) spoke at a meeting of the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) on the topic, "Making the Connection: Libraries and Electronic Bulletin Boards for Patrons and Librarians." Carol Armbruster, European Division, spoke on the topic, "Strangers in New Worlds: Migration Studies in Europe and America," for the Anthropology and Sociology Section/ Western European Specialists Section of ACRL. Tamara Swora, Preservation Microfilming Office, chaired a meeting of the Resources and Technical Services Division (RTSD) Reproduction of Library Materials Section, on the topic, "U.S. Copyright in Libraries: Clarifying the Present and Preparing for the Future." And Marybeth Peters, policy planning advisor in the Copyright Office, was one of the participants who discussed current copyright law, current application of the law by librarians and micropublishers, and changes that will likely arise in the future as a consequence of the use of electronic facsimiles.

## Library Publishes New *Books for Children*

The Library of Congress has just released *Books for Children*, No. 4, a list of approximately 100 children's books published from late 1986 through 1987.

The titles are loosely arranged by age group and category. Categories of books for the up-to-six group consist of picture stories and rhymes; for the 6 to 8, easy-to-read stories, history, folktales, Bible stories, and song; for the 8 to 12, tales of mystery, humor, and adventure, together with folktales, history, verse, and nature; and for the 12 to 14, fiction, biography, history, and science.

New to this edition of *Books for Children* are symbols indicating titles that are available in braille, cassette, and print/braille from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress.

*Books for Children* was compiled by Margaret N. Coughlan of the Children's Literature Center with the assistance of a committee of children's book specialists from the Washington, D.C., area.

*Books for Children* is available for $1 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Department 39-LC, Washington, DC 20402. (Cite stock number, 030-001-00125-3, when ordering.)

AMERICAN TREASURY

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This week's question, drawn from the CBS News "American Treasury" series, broadcast each weekday at 3:57 p.m. (EDT) on the CBS Television Network, is:

**What U.S. Senator was President of another country before he served in Congress?**

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The answer to last week's question is:

In the early days of American railroading, before electric signals, a large ball was raised over the tracks to tell an engineer if it was safe to go on to the next section of track. A high ball meant full speed ahead. A string of these signals would allow the engineer to "highball" down the track.

## Correction

A work recently donated to the Library was inadvertently reported with an error in its title, in the LC *Information Bulletin* of August 8, p. 329. It is *Encyclopedia of Ukraine* (not *Encyclopedia of the Ukraine*).

The volumes, the first two of a projected five, are published by the University of Toronto Press and cover the letters A–F and G–K, respectively (LC Cali Number DK 508.E613 1984).

## Meetings and Events Around the Library

**Thursday, September 8**

☐ "The Examination and Conservation of the Huejotzingo Codex" (illustrated), Sylvia Abro, paper conservator, Conservation Office. LC Professional Association (LCPA). Room LM 139, 12:10 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 13**

☐ "Stand and Deliver," Warner Brothers feature film about Jaime Escalante (see below), will be screened in the Mumford Room at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Program observing National Hispanic Heritage Week.

☐ "The Western Sahara: Exquisite Desolation" (illustrated), Therese Smith, executive director, Western Sahara Campaign for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid. LCPA. Room LM 139, 12:10 p.m.

☐ "Excellence in Education," Jaime Escalante, recipient of 1988 Presidential Education Award and subject of the movie, "Stand and Deliver" (screened at the Library earlier in the day; see above). Program observing National Hispanic Heritage Week. Coolidge Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 14**

☐ "The Christopher Columbus Quincentenary 1492–1992: Perspectives on Hispanic America," panel discussion jointly sponsored by the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, the Hispanic Division, and the Hispanic Employment Program of the Library of Congress. Program observing National Hispanic Heritage Week. Mumford Room, 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, September 15**

☐ Concert by Mariachi San Cristóbal, mariachi musicians from San Cristóbal, Mexico. American Folklife Center's Outdoor Concert Series. Program observing National Hispanic Heritage Week. Neptune Plaza, 12 noon.

☐ "Yankees at Oxford," reminiscences of Josephus Nelson and Thomas Mann, reference specialists, General Reading Rooms Division. LCPA Special Interest Group on Library Science. Room LM 139, 12:10 p.m.

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